

Cleanup Progress Briefing Summary

April 14, 1998

6:30 p.m. Alpha Building

- C Over 30 people attended the April Cleanup Progress Briefing. Approximately one-third of the attendees represented various stakeholder groups, including FRESH, local township trustees and the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board. Two reporters were present.
- C Gary Stegner announced that the May 12 site bus tour of the cleanup projects will begin at 6 p.m. to ensure adequate daylight during the tour. Anyone interested in taking the tour must complete a Site Access Request Form and return it to Jeanie Foster, Public Affairs.
- C Following Stegner's opening remarks, DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald managers representing each major cleanup project provided a brief update on their projects. A question-and-answer session followed. Some of the questions and comments included:
 - A couple of site neighbors were concerned that their houses were shaking last week and wondered if any on-site activities might have caused this.
 - How does Fernald plan to store the brine (resulting from the water treatment process)? What does Fernald plan to do with the 1500 (approximate) white metal boxes?
 - How many workers does it take for one T-Hopper shipment?
 - Were the leaking waste materials from Kingman, Arizona, ever retested since the samples were invalid, and if so, can the test results be made available?
 - Continue pushing the "equity issue" with other sites -- Fernald should not be responsible for the disposition of other sites' wastes or nuclear products. Send the fuel rods we received from INEL back to INEL for disposition.
 - Spread the good news that 95 percent of the new STP is made from reused Fernald materials.
 - Do not become indifferent about what goes in the cell.
- C The feature topic of the briefing was Fernald's corrective action plans resulting from the DOE Type B Investigation of the leaking white metal boxes. John Sattler, DOE, reviewed the corrective actions and Fernald's path forward. Sattler said that DOE-HQ is currently reviewing the draft final corrective action report; HQ approval is anticipated by the end of April. DOE-Nevada representatives plan to visit Fernald in May or June to conduct an assessment of waste shipping operations. Sattler noted that waste shipping will likely resume later this summer after DOE-Nevada and DOE-HQ approve the final plan. A stakeholder recommended that DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald consider possible use of portable wash mats (currently used onsite) for secondary containment during waste shipments.
- C The meeting concluded around 8:30 p.m. A summary of the meeting evaluation results is attached.